

House Bill 155

"Require State Agencies To Develop Procedures To Protect Personal Information"

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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, for the record my name is Dick Clark. I am the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the State of Montana.

I rise today in support of HB155 for a number of reasons in addition to those expressed by Representative Pomnichowski:

- 1) The bill requires the State to provide the same protection of data already required of the private sector under 30-14-1704, MCA; 13-478
- 2) The bill aligns State statute with the federal Executive Order 13 that mandates the reduction in use of social security numbers whenever possible;
- 3) The bill further clarifies the roles and responsibilities of State agencies already prescribed in existing State statute (2-15-114, MCA) and existing State policies on safeguarding of sensitive data and procedures to be followed in the event of a breach.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.